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HEADLINES

Noon news

All networks gave top play to reports on the aftermath of the record rainfall in western Japan and the ongoing search for missing people in Hiroshima. According to NHK, the death toll has reached 130, 2 people are in cardiac arrest, and 59 remain missing as of 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

INTERNATIONAL

- [Gist of joint news conference by Japan, U.S., ROK foreign ministers, July 8](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Gist of meeting between Sec. Pompeo, PM Abe on July 8](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Gist of meeting between PM Abe, ROK FM Kang on July 8](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Japan to seek IAEA's forced inspection of suspicious North Korean facilities](#) (Mainichi)
- [Editorial: North Korea's delaying tactics must be dealt with appropriately](#) (The Japan News)
- [Taiwan to donate 20 million yen to Japanese flood victims](#) (Kyodo News)

AMBASSADOR

- [Ambassador Hagerty invites Japanese companies: "U.S. is an attractive place to invest"](#) (Nikkei, Online)

ECONOMY

Majority think U.S. "protectionism" affects Japanese economy

NHK reported this morning on the results of its opinion poll conducted from July 6 to 8, which found that 38% of respondents thought that the Trump administration's trade policy, characterized in the survey as "protectionism," including a plan to impose high tariffs on imported cars, affects the Japanese economy to a great degree and that 48% said it affects the Japanese economy to a certain degree. Meanwhile, 5% said it does not have much of an effect on the Japanese economy,

and 1% said it has no effect at all. When asked whether North Korea's denuclearization will move forward following the Singapore summit, 12% said it would, 55% said it would not, and 25% could not say which. On the abduction issue, 14% said it would move forward, 43% said it would not, and 33% could not say which.

- [U.S. trade policy a challenge to WTO-based free trade: white paper](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan, EU to sign EPA on July 17](#) (Mainichi)
- [Gov't projects Japan far from achieving fiscal health goal by FY 2025](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Additional tariffs on Japanese cars become more of a reality](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Editorial: Outbreak of U.S.-China trade war a crucial turning point in postwar order](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Kirin, Mitsui to invest in U.S. supplement firm](#) (Jiji Press)
- [Aioi Nissay making inroads into U.S. auto insurance market](#) (Nikkei)
- [Interior of Monju nuclear reactor opened to press ahead of decommissioning](#) (The Mainichi)

POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on July 8-9, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japan's FY 2019 budget request to top 100 tril. yen](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Cabinet approves guidelines for FY 2019 budget](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Torrential rain disaster deters opposition from submitting no confidence motion on cabinet](#) (Sankei)
- [Political heavyweights Suga, Nikai working together for Abe's reelection as LDP president](#) (Sankei)
- [CCS Suga emerges as possible successor to PM Abe, may form his own faction](#) (Shukan Gendai)
- [Cartoon: Casino law](#) (Akahata)

OPINION POLLS

- [Cabinet support exceeds nonsupport for first time in four months, NHK public opinion poll](#) (NHK)
- [Cabinet and political party support rates, NHK public opinion poll](#) (NHK)
- [Trend in public support for Abe cabinet](#) (Shukan Gendai)

SECURITY

- [Gov't willing to consider setting up consultative body with U.S. military to deal with aircraft noise in Okinawa](#) (Nikkei)
- [Lack of domestic competition cited in soaring defense costs](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [JCP lawmaker: Gov't glamorizes U.S. military for study abroad](#) (Akahata)

SCIENCE

Record rainfall in western Japan

NHK's "Close-up Gendai+" reported on the record rainfall in western Japan, saying that a special torrential rain warning has been issued in 11 prefectures. The program said the torrential rain

continued for many hours because the rainy season's front remained in the same place, and a moist air mass moved over western Japan.

